

GERMANY WILL REJECT DEMAND FOR DAMAGES IN ACTS AFTER DEC. 1916

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FRANCE'S RHINE CLAIM IS CALLED A "CRIME"

He Declared That if Peace Conference Leads Treaty Beyond Pres. Wilson's 14 Points the German National Assembly Would Refuse to Give Its Assent.

Copenhagen, March 17.—If the allies loaded the peace treaty with conditions going beyond President Wilson's fourteen points the German national assembly would have to refuse its assent to the treaty, Mathias Erzberger, head of the German armistice commission, declared in an address at a Berlin meeting in favor of the formation of a "real league of nations," according to a dispatch from the German capital to-day. The matter then would be left to a referendum of the German nation, he said.

Herr Erzberger disclaimed any obligation upon Germany to give compensation for acts she committed after her first peace offer in December, 1916.

He declared the only means of checking bolshevism was the abandonment of the "mailed fist policy of the allies."

The German people, he said, had almost unlimited confidence in President Wilson, and he hoped that the league of nations covenant as promulgated on Feb. 14, would not be finally adopted, as he declared, it was a compromise of the ideals of President Wilson with the imperialistic aspirations of some of the allies. The American president, Herr Erzberger insisted, was under obligation to advocate the immediate admission of Germany to the league.

Herr Erzberger asserted that Germany was prepared to accept the vote of Alsace Lorraine as to the future, but he referred to the reported aspirations of France respecting the Rhineland and to Poland's claims to Danzig, as "crimes," adding:

"What is German will remain German."

As far as the demands for compensation were concerned, Herr Erzberger declared that Germany would reject any demand that applied to acts committed after December, 1916, when Germany made her first peace offer. There was no moral obligation upon Germany regarding compensation aside from the case of Belgium, the speaker argued. In that case, Germany would act honestly, he said.

GERMAN PEOPLE MUCH DISAPPOINTED

Over the Food Allotment, as They Figure That the Individual Amount Will Be Quite Small.

Berlin, March 16 (By the Associated Press).—Indications are that the average German is not enthusiastic over the amount of food he is likely to get under the provisioning agreement with the allies. After his first feeling of enthusiasm over the signing of the long-desired arrangement he immediately began to figure out his share of the provisions under the terms of the agreement, an extended summary of which was published officially this morning, and such comment as is made reflects an undeniable feeling of disappointment at the quantity provided.

This was particularly the case because the newspapers, in reducing the totals to figures in pounds per capita, take as the basis of their estimates the population before the war and work out the result at 10 pounds monthly per person instead of the approximate 18 pounds which results from a computation upon the basis of a population of 45,000,000, excluding the self-providers on the farms, as the food ministry contemplates doing. This means that the allotment would be a half pound of flour and a tenth of a pound of fats per day to supplement the waning German food stocks.

In commenting on the agreement, Vorwarts predicts that the independent Socialists and the Spartacists will make capital out of the fact that there is a provision in the agreement that no food shall be allotted to those who are unemployed through their own fault. The newspaper says the workmen will be told that the government intended the entente to insert this proviso to prevent them from using the strike as a political weapon. The newspaper declares that the proviso really was contained in the draft agreement submitted by the interallied delegates to the Brussels conference who undoubtedly insisted upon it, Vorwarts thinks, in order to make Germany finance as large a proportion of the supplies as possible by means of experts, so that Germany's gold resources might be reserved for indemnity payments. The newspaper characterizes the agreement as "anything but a success."

FORMER KAISER HAS SAWED 1,000 TREES

Amerongen, Holland, Saturday, March 15 (By the Associated Press).—Former Emperor William to-day completed sawing into logs his thousandth tree since he took refuge at Count Von Bentinck's castle here last fall. From the thousandth tree a few logs were converted into souvenirs of the achievement and marked in red ink with the inscription "W. 2." These were presented to members of the Bentinck family and to those who have assisted the emperor in his work during the past 10 weeks.

Expert sawyers of the neighborhood compute the value of the wages which Herr Hohenzollern would have earned if he had been paid the trade union rate at about \$30 for the whole period, or an average of 50 cents per working day, which usually consists of three hours.

ALLIED FORCES DEALT A HEAVY DEFEAT

When the Bolsheviks Tried to Cut the Line of Communications of the Dvina and Vaga Columns.

Archangel, Saturday, March 15 (By the Associated Press).—The futile attempt which the bolsheviks delivered yesterday on the allied and American forces comprised the first serious attempt to cut the line of communications of the Dvina and Vaga columns. The bolsheviks suffered a severe defeat and heavy losses.

Moving from the Kadish-Tarezevo sector, the first battalion of the sixth soviet regiment, 500 strong, attacked at 1:45 o'clock in the afternoon, the allied positions in the village of Gorka, which is 25 miles north of Bereznik, at the junction of the Vaga and the Dvina. The American-Russian detachment at Gorka was well entrenched and decisively repulsed the enemy, capturing five prisoners and five machine guns. After the attack the bodies of 17 bolsheviks were found. The allied forces suffered only one casualty, a man wounded.

The Vaga sector, in the vicinity of Kitaa, is quiet, as are the other fronts.

American officers who returned to-day from the Vaga front declared that the bolsheviks suffered exceedingly heavy losses last week. In one instance, after the enemy had used with artillery fire nearly all the blockhouses in the Vistavka all the defensive troops withdrew except a squad of Americans who lay concealed in a partly destroyed blockhouse with machine guns. The enemy scouts advanced, cut the barbed wire entanglement, and shouted back to their comrades that the village had been abandoned. When the first column of the bolsheviks walked unsuspectingly up to the entanglements the Americans inside the blockhouse turned their machine guns loose and mowed down the entire enemy party. After this the defensive forces went back into Vistavka.

Of the total of 36 Americans listed as missing since the beginning of hostilities on this front it has been reported that 10 are prisoners in the bolshevik hospital at Velsk.

LEAVES SON IN VERMONT.

Connecticut's Oldest Legislator Died at Age of 83.

New Canaan, Conn., March 17.—Representative Lewis Provest, 83, the oldest member of the present general assembly, died to-day after a week's illness from pneumonia, which followed apoplexy. He was in the session of 1909.

Mr. Provest was a farmer all his life, and served as a member of Co. A, 280th Connecticut volunteers in the Civil War. He was a widower and is survived by three sons, who are George, of Bellows Falls, Vt., Dr. Howard Provest of Windsor, and Joseph H. clerk, of Stamford, and a daughter, Mrs. L. S. Knapp of this place.

The funeral will be on Wednesday afternoon.

FRENCH EXCHANGE DROPS.

International Bankers Surprised at Further Violent Break.

New York, March 17.—International bankers and dealers in foreign exchange expressed surprise to-day at the further violent break in French exchange, the rate falling from last week's final quotation of 5.53 1/2, to 5.75, after opening at 5.61. This extraordinary disparity implies that it now takes 5 3/4 francs to purchase an American dollar, against the long pending rate of 4.45.

According to New York bankers, London has been selling French exchange extensively during the past fortnight, the movement finally causing heavy liquidation of French bills here.

MINOR DISTURBANCES.

Ushered in the Seventh Week of the Lawrence, Mass., Strike.

Lawrence, Mass., March 17.—The textile strike here entered upon its seventh week to-day with some minor disturbances for which three arrests were made. Pickets appeared in the vicinity of the mills and approached in larger numbers than in recent days, and pursued their activities in a sleet storm. One of the men arrested was a discharged soldier in uniform who, the police say, had attempted to create a disturbance with a call to the crowd to pull a mounted officer from his horse.

COCCHI TRIAL POSTPONED.

Because of Further Investigation of the Case.

Bologna, Italy, March 17.—Alfredo Cocchi, charged with the killing of Ruth Cruger in New York in 1917, will not be tried on March 31, as had been planned. It was learned to-day that the trial had been postponed indefinitely on account, it was said, of a further investigation of the case.

BURLESON ORDER TO BE TESTED

His Authority to Increase Telephone Rate Is Questioned

STATE OF KANSAS
TO START SUIT

Order of Dec. 13 Will Be Passed Upon by U. S. Court

Washington, D. C., March 17.—Authority of Postmaster General Burleson to increase telephone rates throughout the country is to be determined by the supreme court, which to-day granted the state of Kansas permission to institute original proceedings against the postmaster general, questioning the validity of his order of Dec. 13 last, establishing new toll rates.

The court ordered that a return be made in the case at the next term in October.

Under the order attacked, effective since Jan. 21 last, the postmaster general establishes a new classification and schedule of toll rates under a parcel zone system.

The Kansas authorities allege that the postmaster general exceeded his authority in making it and that it is "unlawful, unreasonable, arbitrary, unjust and oppressive." They asked that the supreme court define the extent of the authority conferred upon the postmaster general under the joint congressional resolution and the presidential proclamation by which the telephone and telegraph systems were taken over by the government.

While these proceedings directly affect only the carrying out of the order in Kansas by the Southwestern Bell telephone company, the questions involved were of statewide importance.

The Kansas contention is that the postmaster general is without authority to fix intrastate rates and that if such authority was conferred by the resolution and presidential proclamation, both are unconstitutional.

VOLCANO DESTROYS MUCH PROPERTY

Calbuco on the Coast of Chile Is So Violent That the People Are Fleeing in Terror.

Santiago, March 17.—The volcano of Calbuco on the coast of Chile, south of Concepcion, is in eruption and the inhabitants of Castro, on the island of Chiloe, and other nearby towns are fleeing from their homes. Ashes and lava from the volcano are destroying fields and houses in the vicinity.

VERMONT CITIZEN.

Pvt. Israel J. Chamberlain of Huntington Showed Extraordinary Heroism.

Washington, D. C., March 17.—Private (first class) Israel J. Chamberlain of Huntington, Vt., has been awarded a distinguished service cross by Gen. Pershing for extraordinary heroism in action in Bois Boissies, France, Oct. 9, 1918.

The citation is as follows: "Pvt. Chamberlain went through an open country under heavy machine-gun fire to ascertain whether friendly troops were ahead of his regiment, after unknown soldiers had been observed; he was urged by the French troops on the flank not to make the return trip, as certain death seemed sure to be the outcome; but, without hesitation, returned with information which resulted in the wounding of one of the enemy, the killing of two, and the capture of 37, including one officer, home address, Mrs. Edith L. Chamberlain, wife, Huntington, Vt."

SECOND DEATH FROM BURNS

When Paint Caught Fire in Springfield, Mass., Plant.

Springfield, Mass., March 17.—A second death resulted to-day from the blaze of an air duct of the United Electric Light company, which cost the life of Casimo Figliomini yesterday. Nicholas Alveto, aged 23, died in a hospital this morning of burns. Two others who were burned will recover.

The men were painting the interior of an 80-foot duct when a can of paint took fire and communicated the paint on the walls of the tube, which became a mass of flames.

NO INTERNATIONAL CONTROL.

Of Main Line Railways in Europe Is Proposed.

Paris, Sunday, March 16 (Havas).—The commission on international railway communications has decided to revise the convention signed at Bern in 1890, which provides for the war governed international railway traffic, according to the Echo de Paris. The commission has rejected a plan which would establish an international administration of main line railways under the control of the league of nations.

RETURNED TO THEIR DESKS.

Striking Railroad Clerks at Atlanta Have Been Out Since Friday.

Atlanta, Ga., March 17.—About 1500 railroad clerks, employed on all roads entering Atlanta, except the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis, returned to their desks this morning after having been on strike since Friday and tying up freight traffic in Atlanta and adjacent territory.

RUMPS AT TIEN TSIN IS NOT REPEATED

American Minister Reinisch Has Been Ordered to Cable the Important Facts In—He Is Also Sending Full Report By Mail.

Washington, D. C., March 17.—Minister Reinisch of Peking advised the state department to-day that all was quiet at Tien Tsin, where there was trouble last week between American soldiers and Japanese, and that he was sending a full report of the incident by mail. The department instructed him to report all important facts by cable immediately.

The minister made no mention of the nature of the difficulty either in today's dispatch nor in his message Saturday reporting that he had sent First Secretary Spencer from Peking to investigate. Associated Press dispatches from Peking have described a raid by Americans on the Japanese consulate, in which the consul was seriously wounded; that seizure of two Americans in the French concession by Japanese military guards, and an attack by Japanese on Americans at a moving picture theatre in the French concession.

The fact that Minister Reinisch thought it unnecessary to send his report by cable is regarded here as indicating that he did not attach great importance in the matter.

UNCERTAIN OUTLOOK IN INDUSTRIAL LINE

Was Concensus of Replies to Queries Sent Out By Federal Reserve Board—Manufacturers and Dealers Have Large Stocks.

Washington, D. C., March 17.—The federal reserve board made public to-day summaries of reports from federal reserve agents throughout the country in answer to a questionnaire recently sent out to ascertain the extent of business and industrial readjustment. The report showed in general large stocks on hand by manufacturers and dealers and a lessened demand with prices decreasing in many instances.

A typical example of the reports from industrial districts was afforded by the tabulation of replies to questions from business concerns in the Philadelphia federal reserve district. These questions and classified replies were as follows:

"Are the quantities of materials, supplies and goods as shown by your last report larger than usual? Yes, 114; no, 129.

"Are they principally for war or civilian businesses? War work 20, civilian business 221.

"Have the prices of your product been lower recently than the high prices prevailing during the war? Yes, 148; no, 83.

"Is labor more abundant? Yes, 255; no, 21.

"Is labor less restless? Yes, 147; no, 91.

"Is there less re-employment? Yes, 186; no, 62.

"Is labor more efficient? Yes, 90; no, 142.

"Has there been any lowering of wages? Yes, 17; no, 228.

"Are you paying less for raw materials? Yes, 131; no, 89.

"Is the supply adequate? Yes, 212; no, 16.

"Do you anticipate making any extensions or repairs to your plants in the near future which will necessitate the purchase of building materials or equipment? Yes, 42; no, 203.

"Have you a satisfactory amount of orders on hand? Yes, 81; no, 150.

Most concerns reported the outlook uncertain.

VANDALS IN BURLINGTON SCHOOL.

Stirred Things Up Generally When They Failed to Secure Loot.

Burlington, March 17.—By means of the fire escape, someone entered the cathedral school building here Saturday evening, probably thinking that there was a large sum of money in the building. After a search which revealed none, they then proceeded to do considerable damage to the place.

The fire escape is on the rear side of the building. The vandals proceeded to the second floor of the building and gained entrance by breaking a window.

They then proceeded to search the building for anything of value that they might lug off. They ransacked practically every desk in the building and took many articles of value.

The vandals tore pictures off the wall, tipped all the ink wells over and tore a large number of books. It was not discovered until yesterday morning.

TO LOOK OVER COURTMARTIAL.

Committee of American Bar Association to Investigate.

New York, March 17.—Secretary of War Baker has been advised of the appointment of a committee of five members of the American Bar association to investigate the status of the present military law relating to court-martials.

This was announced by the association here to-day with the statement that "the committee expects to commence its work at a very early date."

The committee was appointed by George T. Page, president of the association, in accordance with resolutions adopted by its executive committee to which it will report the results of its investigation together with recommendations. It is headed by S. S. Gregory of Chicago. The other members are Judge W. P. Bynum of Greensboro, N. C.; Judge Andrew Jackson Bruce of Baltimore, N. D.; Colonel John Hinkley of Baltimore, and Martin Conboy of New York.

IN SERIOUS CONDITION.

Louis Huard of Burlington Drawn Into Rolls of Press.

Burlington, March 17.—While working on the press at the Mercantile Press rooms here Friday afternoon, Louis Huard was drawn into the rolls and was injured severely. Major H. Nelson Jackson, just back from overseas, happened to be nearby and administered first aid to the boy with the aid of his first aid kit. The boy is at Mary Fletcher hospital at the present time in a serious condition.

DANUBE AGAIN ACTIVE.

Navigation Has Been Resumed, Say Prague Dispatches.

Paris, Sunday, March 16.—Navigation has been resumed on the Danube river, according to dispatches received here from Prague.

PERSHING BIDS 42D GOOD-BYE

Gave Farewell Address After the "Rainbows" Had Passed in Review

GERMANS WATCHED FROM HEIGHTS

The American Commander Wished the Men All Luck in Peaceful Occupations

Coblenz, Sunday March 16 (By the Associated Press).—General Pershing said good-bye to the boys of the 42d division to-day. In a farewell address to the troops of the Rainbow unit, who are preparing to start for home the first of April, the American commander-in-chief wished them all good luck in the peaceful occupations into which they will go on the other side of the Atlantic.

The inspection and review of the division took place in a great field near Remagen, on the west bank of the Rhine. General Pershing spoke to more than 20,000 after the Rainbow division passed the reviewing stand in massed formation. From the heights across the river hundreds of German civilians assembled and watched the review through field glasses. General Pershing spoke from the rear end of a wagon with the soldiers gathered about him.

Before his address the commander-in-chief presented one congressional medal of honor, two distinguished service medals and 46 distinguished service crosses to officers and men of the division.

The medal of honor was pinned by General Pershing on Corporal Sidney Manning of the 168th infantry, for leading his platoon during an attack on the Ourcq after a commander had fallen. Despite wounds he had received, Manning led the men forward and gained and held an important position in the face of terrific enemy fire. All but seven members of the platoon were killed or wounded. Manning himself was wounded nine times in this attack. When the United States entered the war, Manning was a farmer boy near Brewton, Ala.

The distinguished service medals went to Brigadier General Julius MacArthur and Colonel William Hughes, Jr.

Sunday morning General Pershing inspected the troops of the 3d corps near Vallendar.

After the review of the 42d division, General Pershing went by automobile to Coblenz, where he had dinner with Major General Dickman, commander of the army of occupation. In several villages along the way German civilians greeted him with shouts of "Heil Pershing."

The commander's visit to the area of occupation was advertised by the Germans in their newspaper and otherwise.

STEAMER SANK TUG IN NEW YORK HARBOR

Tug Struck Amidships While the Steamer Lexington Was Groping Its Way to Pier in Dense Fog—Crew of Tug Rescued.

New York, March 17.—While groping its way through a dense fog to pier here with a full complement of passengers, the Colonial line steamship Lexington from Providence, R. I., collided to-day with the Arbuckle Sugar Refining company tug Jameson, sinking it instantly. The tug was struck amidships. Its crew was rescued by the Lexington.

MAKES ANOTHER VISIT.

Deputy Collector Comes to Assist the Income Taxpayers.

F. M. Dearing, deputy collector, will be at the following places on dates mentioned for the purpose of assisting taxpayers on income tax in filing their returns under the federal laws. The new income tax law affects 1918 incomes and is different from the 1917 act in many respects, so that many will find it advantageous to interview one of the deputy collectors working in their particular section.

The itinerary of the above named deputy collector will be as follows: Barre, city hall, March 17, 18 and 19. Newbury, town clerk, March 20. Bradford, bank, March 21. Randolph, inn, March 22.

We are not directed to address the penalty as yet and any person needing assistance or advice should take advantage of this fact on above dates.

OLLIE CHILL PROMOTED.

He Becomes an Umpire in the American League.

Chicago, March 17.—President Ban Johnson of the American league to-day completed his staff of umpires for the coming season. Ollie Chill, for the last two years an umpire in the American association, was signed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of "Silk" O'Loughlin. Chill was in the American league in 1916.

The other members of the staff are: T. P. Connolly, W. G. Evans, William Dineen, George Hildebrand, C. B. Owens, R. S. Nallin, and George Moriarty. All were in the league last season. The coming season will be Connolly's 26th year as a professional umpire and his 19th year with the American league.

FUNERAL OF C. E. WOOD.

Was Held at His Home on Kirk Street Sunday.

The funeral of Charles E. Wood, who died Thursday afternoon, was held from his late home, 5 Kirk street, at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon with a large number in attendance. Rev. J. B. Reardon officiated at the services.

The bearers were the following: Gus Gregoire, Angus McDonald, Peter DePatie, Alfred Mignant, Charles Messier and Edward Gignas. Interment was in Williamstown.

Mrs. B. Ruess of Westerville was convicted last week of selling and furnishing intoxicating liquor and was sentenced to not less than three months nor more than 12 in the house of correction at Rutland. Grand Juror Albert C. Dickey of Barre Town prosecuted the case.

WOUNDED SOLDIER HONORED.

Pvt. Archibald Allan of Canadian Army in Hands of Barre Friends.

A very delightful surprise party was given in Clan Gordon hall Saturday evening to Pvt. Archibald Allan, who recently returned from France, where he had been serving in the Canadian army.

The party started at 8 o'clock sharp with dancing, which was continued pretty much throughout the evening with short intermissions in between, at which times songs were rendered by M. Haffie and "Sunny" Anderson. The music was furnished by Cooper and Smith's orchestra. At about 9:30 a very appropriate presentation speech was made by William Barclay, who presented the guest an elegant gold watch. Pvt. Allan responded in a very fitting manner.

Dancing was resumed until 10 o'clock, at which time refreshments were served. After the light luncheon, "tripping the light fantastic" was again called into prominence and the remainder of the evening was taken up with it. The fact of the party being a great success was vouched for by the large attendance, there being about 200 persons present.

The party broke up at a late hour with all feeling in the best of spirits and highly delighted with the evening that they had spent. The committee to whom much is due for the manner in which they planned the affair and carried their plans out, consisted of the following: Andrew Walker, chairman; Frank Wilson, secretary; William Gray, George Robertson, James Coutts, William Duncan, Kenneth Milne and Alex. Cormack. They were assisted by the following ladies: Mrs. Andrew Walker, Mrs. Charles Greig, Mrs. William Duncan, Mrs. Kenneth Milne, Mrs. Frank Wilson, Mrs. William Gray and Mrs. George Robertson.

Pvt. Archibald Allan, to whom the party was given, resides on Ayers street, and has lived in Barre about nine years, and is well known here. On Feb. 2, 1918, the day following the Canadian recruiting rally in this city, Mr. Allan enlisted. About one month later he was on the ocean bound for overseas. After about six months of training in France, he was sent to the Cambrai front. He went over the top Sept. 24 and 28 and also on Oct. 1. According to an old saying, three times is out, and it surely was the case in this instance. At the latter engagement, Pvt. Allan was wounded in the head, back and legs, but the wound in the back was the most serious. He was in a hospital in France for two weeks and was then sent to Carlisle, Eng., where he stayed until he was sent home. He arrived in Halifax March 1. He has been home on a furlough for a short time and left to-day to return to Montreal to receive his discharge.

FUNERAL OF ACCIDENT VICTIM.

Many Friends Attended William McKane's Services.

The funeral of William McKane, the young derrickman who was accidentally killed at the Jones Brothers' plant while repairing a rope last Friday, took place yesterday morning from St. Monica's church at 9 o'clock, and interment was in the Catholic cemetery on Beckley street. Rev. Father McKee officiated at the mass at which gathered a very large group of friends and relatives to pay the last tribute to the unfortunate young man. Two orders, the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Order of Foresters, of which the deceased was a member, were represented by a delegation from each. Also many friends and relatives from Granville and other communities were here to attend the funeral, among whom were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William McKane of Granville; brothers, James from Lawrence, Mass., and Arthur of Westerville, William Anker, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dobson and family, John and Terrance McKane, all of Westerville, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McNerney, Miss Viola Anker, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Menard, James Menard of Montpelier, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Tiede and Miss Katherine Tiede of Corinth, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barrows, Jr., from Vergennes.

After the mass the casket was opened in the church and a body of fellow workmen, employees of Jones Brothers' company, filed by to view the remains. There were many flowers, many of which were in beautiful designs.

The pall bearers were James Mackie, Daniel Keefe, Matthew Fitzgerald, Joseph Nelson, John Nelson, John Carriek.

FUNERAL AT HEDDING CHURCH.

Following Prayer Service at Residence of C. F. Smith.

The funeral of Charles F. Smith, the well known auctioneer, whose death occurred at the Green Mountain sanitarium in Burlington last Thursday, was held yesterday from the Hedding Methodist church. At 2 o'clock a prayer service, attended by immediate friends and relatives, was conducted at his late home on Washington street. Rev. B. G. Lipsky officiated there and at the funeral in the church. A large group of people gathered at the church. The burial was in Hope cemetery.

People attending the funeral from other places were: A. S. Smith, A. T. Smith of Barre Town, Bradley, Victor and Miss Bessie Smith of Boston, Mrs. Marcella Andrews of Bradford, W. C. Andrews of Lyndonville, Mrs. Elsie Watson of St. Albans, G. I. Dugan of Brookfield and Charles H. Dugan of Jamaica Plain, N. Y. The pallbearers were a brother, A. T. Smith, a son, Bradley, and two nephews, A. L. Smith and Victor Smith.

The list of flowers was as follows: Spray of roses, Mrs. C. F. Smith; pillow, Bessie and Bradley Smith; pillow, Walter Andrews and wife; pinks, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Arkley; calla lilies, Dorothy Currell; pinks, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Kenney; sprays of pinks, Ernest D. Little, Mrs. Elsie Watson, spray of pinks and violets, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Smith; spray of pinks and sweet peas, E. A. Howe and F. T. Herrick; spray of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Waterman; jonquils, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Taft, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Taft, Mrs. Nella Roscoe, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Kenyon; pinks, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Howland, Mr. and Mrs. Ducharme and daughter; pinks and roses, Keith family; spray of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ross, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Small.

FRENCH BUDGET.

For Three Months Calls for \$270,000,000.

Paris, Sunday, March 16.—The budget commission of the Chamber of Deputies has decided to introduce a civil budget of \$270,000,000 for the first three months of 1919.

MAY NOT QUIT TILL APRIL 4

Mont Legislature Is Not Making Very Rapid Progress

SENATE HAS 69 BILLS
AND HOUSE HAS 71

In Addition, There Will Probably Be Other Measures Introduced

Prospects for final adjournment of the Vermont legislature of 1919 before the latter part of the first week in April become more and more dubious from day to day. Progress during the past week has not been sufficient to warrant the belief that the legislature will be able to finish up the work already on hand by the 28th of March, the date mentioned last week for final adjourn